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Lana Gordon, Secretary Sam Brownback, Governor

### Fact Sheet

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## **August 2013 Labor Report**

- Kansas gained 20,800 private sector jobs since August 2012, a 1.9 percent increase. Kansas gained 15,400 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 1.1 percent increase.
- Over the month, private sector jobs decreased by 1,100, or 0.1 percent. Kansas gained 1,500 nonfarm jobs, a 0.1 percent increase since July.
- The August 2013 unemployment rate in Kansas was 5.9 percent, down from 6.1 percent last month and the same as one year ago.
- The August 2013 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.9 percent, unchanged from July and up from 5.8 percent in August 2012.

Learn about the difference between seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted numbers here.

## **Over-the-Year Gains/Losses**

- Eight of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-year job gains. These gains were greatest in:
  - Professional and business services increased by 9,300 jobs, a 6 percent gain. Growth was throughout the sector.
  - Leisure and hospitality gained 2,600 jobs, a 2.1 percent increase. The gains were primarily in accommodation and food services.
  - Financial activities rose by 2,500 jobs, or 3.3 percent, with gains in the entire sector.
- Two major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These were in:
  - Government lost 5,400 jobs or 2.2 percent. Losses were at all levels.
  - Construction lost 400 jobs or 0.7 percent. Losses were in heavy and civil engineering construction and specialty trade contractors.

## **Over-the-Month Gains/Losses**

- Six of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains. These were greatest in:
  - Government gained 2,600 jobs, a 1.1 percent increase. Gains were greatest at the local level.
  - Professional and business services gained 500 jobs, an increase of 0.3 percent.
  - Education and health services grew by 300 jobs, a 0.2 percent increase.
- Four major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These were greatest in:
  - Leisure and hospitality lost 1,300 jobs or 1 percent. Losses were throughout the sector.
  - Financial activities lost 600 jobs or 0.8 percent. Losses were in finance and insurance.
  - Trade, transportation and utilities lost 300 jobs, a 0.1 percent decrease. Losses were in both wholesale and retail trade.
- There were 14,423 initial claims for unemployment benefits in August 2013, up from 14,264 initial claims in July 2013 and down from 14,585 last year. There were 103,521 continued claims in August

2013, down from 131,851 the previous month and down from 140,058 in August 2012. These numbers include all available programs.

The September Labor Report will be released on Monday, October 21, 2013.

## Quotes

## Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor

"There were 103,521 continued claims in August down from 131,851 the previous month and down from 140,058 in August 2012. This is indicative of an improving labor market."

### Tyler Tenbrink, Senior Labor Economist

"Private sector job growth picked up in August after seasonal adjustment, although there were some indications of softness in the labor market. Trends in average weekly hours worked and average weekly earnings leveled from increases earlier in the year."

# **Current Conditions: August 2013**

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	5.9%
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	5.9%
Learn the difference between the rates <u>here</u> .	
Initial Claims (all programs)	14,423
Non-Farm Jobs	1,361,900
Civilian Labor Force	1,485,042
CPI-Midwest	1.2%
(change since August 2012)	

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